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SUBJECT: RETURN OF AMCIT PRISONERS FROM CUBA TO UNITED
STATES VIA JAMAICA

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1. IN RECENT VISIT, A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION INFORMED THE EMBASSY THAT ONE EVERETT LEE WHITE, HIJACKER, WAS ARRESTED IN CLEVELAND, OHIO, APPROXIMATELY SIX DAYS AFTER HIS RELEASE BY CUBAN AUTHORITIES. AT THE TIME OF HIS ARREST, WHITE STATED HE HAD FIRST CONTACTED THE SWISS EMBASSY IN CUBA TO EXPRESS AN INTEREST IN RETURNING TO THE UNITED STATES. THEREAFTER, IN APPROXIMATELY THREE WEEKS, WHITE STATED, HE WAS PUT ON AN AIRPLANE TO JAMAICA, CLEARING CUSTOMS IN JAMAICA WITH NO DIFFICULTY. HE THEN WENT TO THE BAHAMAS AND WAS NOT QUESTIONED UPON ARRIVAL, EVENTUALLY TRAVELLING TO MIAMI AND CLEARING U.S. IMMIGRATION WITHOUT INCIDENT.

2. INFORMATION IS NOT AVAILABLE REGARDING THE DOCUMENTATION WHICH WHITE USED NOR THE DATES HE TRAVELLED.

3. A LIST COMPRISING SOME ONE HUNDRED AND FOUR PRINCIPALS
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DESCRIBED AS "AMERICAN HIJACKERS IN CUBA" HAS BEEN MADE

AVAILABLE TO THE EMBASSY. THIS OFFICE BELIEVES THAT THE FBI TERMINOLOGY "AMERICAN HIJACKERS IN CUBA" DOES NOT REFLECT THE CITIZENSHIP OF THE INDIVIDUALS CONCERNED BUT THE FACT THAT THE AIRCRAFT INVOLVED WERE FLIGHTS ORIGINATING IN THE UNITED STATES AND PRIMARILY U.S. FLAG CARRIERS. PRESUMABLY THE BULK OF THE PERSONS NAMED ON THIS LIST ARE, IN FACT, CUBAN WITH A POSSIBLE FORTY-FOUR U.S. CITIZENS AMONG THEM AND A SMATTERING OF OTHER NATIONALITIES

4. IT HAS BEEN SUGGESTED THAT THIS INFORMATION BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE JAMAICAN AUTHORITIES WITH THE REQUEST THAT SHOULD ANY OF THE PERSONS IDENTIFIABLE AS THOSE APPEARING ON THE LIST ARRIVE FROM CUBA: (A) THE EMBASSY BE INFORMED AND/OR (B) THE INDIVIDUAL BE DETAINED WITH A VIEW TOWARD HIS ULTIMATE EXTRADITION TO THE U.S.

5. SUGGESTION (A) IS WITHIN THE REALM OF FEASIBILITY BUT LIMITED BY THE RESOURCES AND CAPABILITIES OF THE LOCAL IMMIGRATION APPARATUS. THE EMBASSY ANTICIPATES THAT ANYONE NOT TRAVELLING ON A LAISSEZ-PASSER OR OTHER UNUSUAL FORM OF DOCUMENTATION WOULD BE OVERLOOKED. IT IS DOUBTFUL THAT THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES WOULD ENTERTAIN SUGGESTION (B) IN ANY CASE OTHER THAN THAT INVOLVING BONA FIDE AMCITS AND EVEN THEN WITH RELUCTANCE AS THIS WOULD VIRTUALLY REQUIRE PLACING THE INDIVIDUAL UNDER ARREST.

6. THE EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE THE DEPARTMENT'S VIEWS ON THIS SUBJECT AND REITERATES THE USEFULNESS OF THE INFORMATION REQUESTED IN THE REFTEL, PARTICULARLY IN LIGHT OF ITS MOST RECENT DEVELOPMENT. HEWITT

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